

Welcome to the Project Maunga newsletter. The newsletter is published monthly and available on the Taranaki DHB website www.tdhb.org.nz and on the staff intranet.

This is the last newsletter for 2011 with the next newsletter due out in February 2012. We hope you all have a joyful Christmas and prosperous New Year - from the Project Maunga Team!

Project Maunga, the Redevelopment of Taranaki Base Hospital

The redevelopment is progressing well, and will include six new operating theatres (an increase of two), day stay services, a new bigger inpatient ward block and overall will provide significantly better quality environment for patients and staff, including a building of very high seismic standard. The redevelopment will provide a more user friendly, modern and comfortable hospital. It will mean the DHB can meet the health needs of Taranaki to 2015 and beyond.

Project Maunga to date...

Since the beginning of construction in late August of this year a vast amount of work has taken place on the Project Maunga redevelopment site.

Now in week 22 of the construction phase approximately 20% of the work is completed.

During the last three months and as of Tuesday 30 November:

- **All concrete foundations have been poured**
- **80% of the columns for Level 0-1 are completed**
- **50% of the columns for Level 1-2 are completed**
- **60% of the double T flooring units for Level 1 have been put in place**
- **40% of the Level 1 floor slab has been poured**
- **Work on the double T flooring unit for Level 2 has started**
- **Approximately 200 people have worked on site so far**

Over the rest of December and throughout January, Fletcher Construction will continue pouring/putting in place more concrete columns, precast beams, In-situ concrete & double T flooring units. Suspended floor slabs will be poured as far as Level 2 and some of Level 3. Structural steel will commence from Level 1 up to the roof and by the end of January you will see some roof purlins going into place.

Check out a few of the latest photos to the right. For more footage check out the staff intranet gallery or visit the website www.tdhb.org.nz



Mock Up Theatre - Take Two

For two weeks in November Theatre staff had the opportunity to inspect the layout of the theatre rooms to be included in the new building.

50 Base Hospital staff visited the mock-up including surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, anaesthetic technicians, hospital engineering staff including electricians, carpenters and senior staff, and HIQ staff, and management staff.

The Project Maunga design consultants and Fletcher construction staff have also reviewed the theatre mock up and made some valuable suggestions to the Project Team.



User Group Facilitator Robyn Kemp and Theatre Nurse Manager Judyth Donaldson inspect the Mock Up Theatre.

Among some of the changes are the layout of various control panels and power points, the location of the PACS monitor and keyboard and the location of the waterless scrub and glove holders. The only addition to the plans are extra power points at the desk location.

Staff were pleased with the overall theatre and the changes to be made will allow for a much improved workflow. Project Director Ian Grant said, "It is important to make these changes now rather than further down the track when it will be very costly to do so. It's great to be able to walk into a room and get a good feeling of what it will be like once finished".

The project team thank those who took the time to give them feedback.

Equipment update - Project Maunga is standardising hospital equipment with other DHBs around New Zealand. We will profile some of the new equipment in these newsletters.

Batch Washer - Getinge 88 Turbo

Though the name sounds like something The Stig would drive from Top Gear, the Getinge 88 Turbo is actually used to decontaminate clinical equipment.

The Sterilising Services Department in the new building will have three new batch washers installed. The Getinge 88 Turbo has the latest technology with features that include the capacity to wash 15 DIN trays of heavy duty soiled equipment with a shorter processing time. Some of the features include spray arms located at the top and bottom of the washer, and on the wash carts to reach all surfaces, plus an energy saving heat exchange process to save time and energy consumption.



Above: A Getinge 88 Turbo Batch Washer.

Lorraine Eldershaw the co-ordinator of Sterile Services has visited the Southland DHB Sterile Services Department to get first hand training on how to operate these machines. Lorraine's visit will help her plan for the change of practice in the Sterile Services Department in the new building.

Thank you for your patience

The enabling work in the Hospital carpark is now complete and the Project Maunga office thank you for your patience and understanding during the last few months of work.

